Wings of an Angel

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It's become quite late already
THE DAY OFF THAT I HAVE LONG-AWAITED IS SPOILED
THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED INTO THEIR CELLS,
AH, THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
AND HERE'S THE INVESTIGATION REPORT, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

WHAT... IS THIS?
THOUGH SELDOM DO I HAVE OPPONENTS THAT KILL TIME...
Young master what's wrong?

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HEY! YOU HEAR ME!? DON'T IGNORE ME, SAY SOMETHING!
I FEEL LONELY.. OUR LIVES IN OUR NEWFOUND CELL CAME TO AN END, HUH...
IF WE ARE FATED, THEN WE WILL DEFINITELY END UP IN ONE OF THOSE AGAIN.
WELL I'M SO SORRY THAT WE ENDED UP IN CELLS FOR THE SECOND TIME. YOU AIRHEAD!
WHAT A BUNCH OF CLOWNS.
WHILE BEING DEFEATED, THEY HAD NO FEAR TOWARDS ME OR REGISTERED IN THEIR MINDS THE FACT THAT THEY WERE CRIMINALS.
IN ADDITION, THOSE TWO HAVE SWORDIANS, JUST LIKE ME.
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
HEY HEY, YOU'RE CALLED... LIM... LEON, RIGHT?
YOU'RE STRONG~!
HONESTLY, SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST FEEL FRUSTRATED THAT YOU LOST?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
...WHAT?
THAT MAN, HUGO... WHAT IS HE THINKING
BY HAVING AN AUDIENCE SO QUICKLY?
HIS MAJESTY, THE KING, AND MASTER HUGO ARE WAITING FOR YOU ALL PLEASE PROCEED FORWARD.
MASTER LEON MAGNUS HAS ARRIVED.
...!
Could it be that he is waiting for permission from His Majesty to proceed with capital punishment immediately?
It's nothing like that right?

YOU'RE LATE, LEON.
RESTRAIN YOURSELF. YOU'RE IN FRONT OF HIS MAJESTY.
...LEON MAGNUS ALONG WITH A GROUP OF THREE ILLEGAL EXCAVATORS
HAVE RECEIVED AN IMPERIAL ORDER TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS MAJESTY WITH HASTE.
THESE PEOPLE...?
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL PROCEDURES BEFORE SUMMONING YOU, AND THOSE BEHIND YOU
THE FACT THAT I HAD TO SUMMON YOU ALL IN A HURRY HAS TO DO WITH HUGO'S ARRANGEMENT.

I WANT YOU TO HEAR WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY.
SHE'S AN IMPORTANT WITNESS OF THIS INCIDENT.
SHE LOOKS PALE.
I AM A PRIESTESS OF THE CHURCH OF ATAMONI IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU ALL.
MY NAME IS PHILIA PHILIS.
...YES.
TELL US WHAT HAPPENED IN A CONCISE MANNER.
HAD AN INTERNAL CONFLICT WHERE AN EXTREMIST FACTION INCITED A MILITARY UPRISING, WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE DAWN TODAY.
...THE STRAYLIZE TEMPLE IN NORTHERN SEINEGALD, THE PLACE WHERE I SERVE UNDER.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS ON THE PREMISE OF KNOWING WE'RE SWORDIAN MASTERS, HUH?
AND FOR A BARGAIN, YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKE A REASONABLE EXCHANGE OUT OF IT?
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BARGAIN WITH YOU.
...WHAT I AM SAYING IS THE SWORDIANS' POWER IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS TASK.
FEAR NOT. YOU WON'T REGRET CO-OPERATING.
WHEN THIS TASK IS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS MAJESTY THE KING PROMISES TO REDUCE YOUR SENTENCES AND PRESENT YOU A REWARD
...THESE CRIMINALS HAVE NO GROUNDS TO OBJECT ANYWAY.
WHA.. WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS FOR US!
IT'S ALL RIGHT RUTEE AT ANY RATE LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY
HMPH, THEN LET'S TALK.
THE ITEM STOLEN BY GREBAUM IS A RELIC OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION, WHICH WAS UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE CHURCH.

...The Eye of Atamoni!?
IT'S A WEAPON KNOWN AS THE "EYE OF ATAMONI"
AH, ANCIENT WEAPONS SUCH AS THE SWORDIANS WOULD KNOW BETTER.
YOU KNOW OF IT, CHAL?
With its massive energy and the ability to summon an inexhaustible supply of horrifying bioweapons.
It is a weapon that was designed to bring destruction upon this land
The Eye of Atamoni was created back in the time when the Swordians were being developed
IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO PUT AN END TO IT.
JUDGING FROM THE DESTRUCTED STATE OF THE TEMPLE, ONE CAN INFER THAT THE EYE OF ATAMONI IS ALREADY ON THE MOVE
I can't believe we are coming across it in a way like this
Though it was under a measure of strict control during its post-war disposal

THERE IS A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF CASUALTIES AS A RESULT OF THAT.
THE TEMPLE THAT LIES NORTH OF ARMEIDA IS ENSHROUDED IN A STATE OF HIGH ALERT AND IT IS BEING LOCKED DOWN AT THE MOMENT
A MILITARY UPRISING ...!?
IN THAT CASE, IT'S NO LONGER PEACEFUL IS IT?
THOUGH WE'VE SENT THE MILITARY OVER AND MOST OF THE UPRISINGS WERE SUPPRESSED SUCCESSFULLY...
WE'VE LET THE MASTERMIND, HIGH PRIEST GREBALM BANHALT, AS WELL AS DOZENS OF HIS HENCHMEN ESCAPE IN THE PROCESS

IT'S CONNECTED TO A NATIONAL SECRET.
I CAN TELL YOU NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.
AND THAT IMPORTANT ITEM IS?
...WHICH ALLOWED A CERTAIN IMPORTANT ITEM IN THE TEMPLE TO GET STOLEN.

...HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS, THE EYE OF ATAMON WAS SEALED BY THE POWER OF THE SWORDIANS.
AND RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE ALSO THE ONES WHO CAN PUT AN END TO GREBALIM'S COMMOTION.
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT TO ENTRUST THIS TO YOU SWORDIAN MASTERS.
...I AM UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY YOU CAN DO.
HOW GOES YOUR CONSIDERATION?
HOW... WELL UM
THOUGH YOU'VE ADDED SOME COMPLIMENTS TO US, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS FAR BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE CAN JUST ACCEPT THE WAY IT IS.
RUTEE!
WHAT, DON'T TELL ME YOU INTEND TO DO IT?
WELL UM...
I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS OKAY FOR ME TO SAY WHAT'S ON MY MIND.

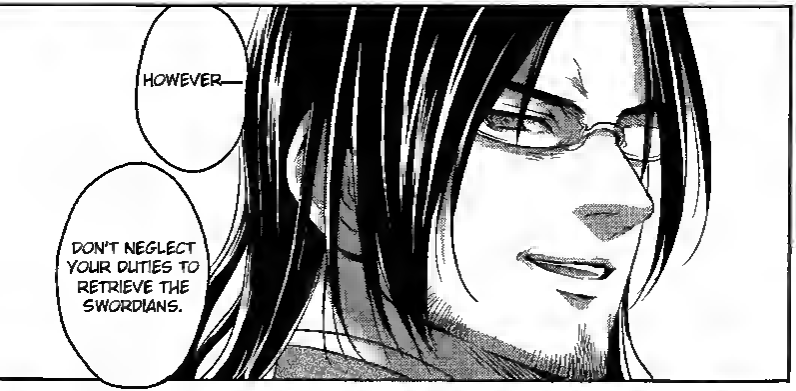
BUT IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF MY STRENGTH...
THEN PLEASE LET ME HELP YOU OUT!
EVEN THOUGH I...USED TO DREAM OF BECOMING A SOLDIER FOR THIS KINGDOM,
I'VE BECOME A SWORDIAN MASTER UNDER SOME UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES ON MY JOURNEY...
...HMPH.
SO RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT I MUST DO!
WHY DO YOU HAVE PUT ON A SHOW WHEN YOU DELIVER YOUR SPEECH?
WE WEREN'T GIVEN AN OPTION TO BEGIN WITH ANYWAY.
AH, REALLY?
VERY WELL THEN!
THE BARGAIN IS ESTABLISHED.

I SEE.
I, LEON MAGNUS, SHALL SUPERVISE THESE PEOPLE AND SEE THAT THEY SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH THE TASK OF RETRIEVING THE EYE OF ATAMON!
HUH?
ISN'T THIS QUITE A SCENARIO WE HAVE HERE?
UGH, THAT MEANS...
IT HAS TO DO WITH THE HIGH LEVEL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY THAT BECAME WIDESPREAD IN THE LAST 20 YEARS...
AND THE OBERON CORPORATION IS THE ONE WHICH MONOPOLIZES THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SUCH FIELD.
HEY, RUTEE.
WHY IS IT THAT THE HUGO GUY SEEMS TO BE GREATER THAN HIS MAJESTY?
YOU...YOU DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THE "OBERON CORPORATION"!?
THAT PERSON OVER THERE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY! THANKS TO THE PROSPERITY BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIS CORPORATION, HE'S GAINED A NATIONAL LEVEL OF INFLUENCE
And he's extremely wealthy, too!!
WOW? I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT, BUT HE'S A HECK OF A PERSON!
CAN'T YOU PEOPLE BE QUIET!

...LIKE A GODSEND
THREE OF THE SWORDIANS ARE GATHERED HERE BECAUSE OF THIS ONE BIG EVENT...
I WONDER IF THE RELEASE PROCEDURE IS ALL CLEARED?
I AM THE ATTENDANT OF MASTER HUGO, REMBRANDT.
WE HAVE ALREADY PREPARED ROOMS FOR YOU. PLEASE HEAD OVER TO THE MANSION...
WHAT YOU DID THERE WAS QUITE WELL MANIPULATED.
...YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU?
THAT WOMAN HAS A SWORDIAN WITH HER.
OF COURSE.

THAT'S BECAUSE I USED TO DO RESEARCH ON IT WHEN IT WAS UNDER MY CUSTODY.
AND TO POSSIBLY COME UPON IT AGAIN...
ALONG WITH ANOTHER SWORDIAN.
IF I WAS SERIOUS IN THAT FIGHT, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED.
THAT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN...
WELL DONE, LEON.
THAT WOMAN...
...NO, THOSE PEOPLE...THEY WERE QUITE SKILLFUL BACK THERE.
YOU SEE, MY GOAL IS NOT TO CAPTURE THOSE CRIMINALS ALIVE.

. . WHAT ARE YOU SAYING. .
THE MISSION TO RETRIEVE THE EYE OF ATMONI BEGINNING TOMORROW IS GOING TO BE A LONG JOURNEY, ISN'T IT?
ONCE YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY NEED FOR THEM, I WOULDN'T CARE EVEN IF YOU KILLED THEM.


HOWEVER—
DON'T NEGLECT YOUR DUTIES TO RETRIEVE THE SWORDIANS.

Please bear with this young master.
IT'S UNLIKE ME. .
THIS VIOLENT EMOTION SEEMS TO BE LINGERING ON MY LIPS.
...!

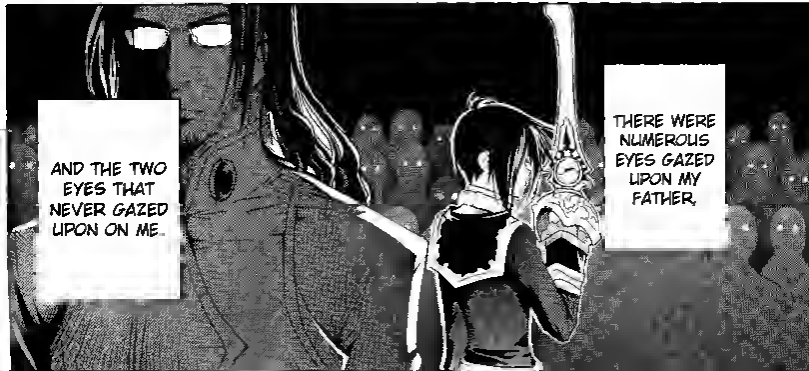
A GIRL WHO SHARES A PART OF YOUR BLOOD?"
AND TO SAY TO ME, "ISN'T THE THIEF, RUTEE KATREA,
BY REMOVING THE NAME OF HIS DECEASED WIFE, CHRIS KATREA, AND HIS DAUGHTER... RUTEE KATREA FROM THE REGISTRY.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU TAKE THAT GUY'S PERSONALITY INTO CONSIDERATION.
He was setting up a touching reunion for a brother and the sister who were separated at birth...
THIS IS JUST A WAY TO PROTECT HUGO'S CORPORATION.
Young master?
THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN HUGO GILCHRIST IS.
I guess it didn't look that way, did it?

MY FATHER...
IF THAT WOMAN IS A PAWN AS A SWORDIAN MASTER,
THEN I AM JUST A PAWN AS HIS SON, FOR THE SAKE OF BRINGING HIM GLORY AND FAME.
I'VE NEVER, NOT EVEN ONCE, FELT THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY MY FATHER.
Young master"
OF COURSE, HE NEVER CONSIDERED ME AS HIS SON EITHER
SOMEDAY, I WILL ALSO..
MEET THE SAME FATE AS THAT WOMAN... WON'T I?

I'VE PUT IN HONEY AND MILK TO LET YOU SLEEP BETTER.
...THANKS, MARIAN.
MASTER HUGO...
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR FATHER?

EMILIO
...HUH?
...LEAVE IT, THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN US.
IT'S JUST SOMETHING RELATED WITH THE NEW MISSION I RECEIVED TODAY.
...IF THINGS ARE WEIGHING DOWN UPON YOU,
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S OKAY EVEN IF YOU JUST STAY AS "EMILIO" A LITTLE LONGER?
EMILIO GILCHRIST

MY EFFORT...
HAHA, SO THIS IS THE SON OF COMMANDER HUGO?
JUST WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A YOUNG MASTER OF A HIGHLY REGARDED FAMILY, THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN COMPARE OURSELVES WITH HIM.
AS EXPECTED FROM YOUNG MASTER EMILIO.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT THIS IS OBVIOUS BECAUSE HE RECEIVED SPECIAL GIFTED EDUCATION?
HE PUT UP A WONDERFUL FIGHT WITHOUT DISGRACING HIS FATHER'S HONOR, EVEN IN THE MATCH A WHILE AGO BEFORE HIS MAJESTY.
IS ALWAYS INTERTWINED WITH FATHER'S FAME AND HONOR.

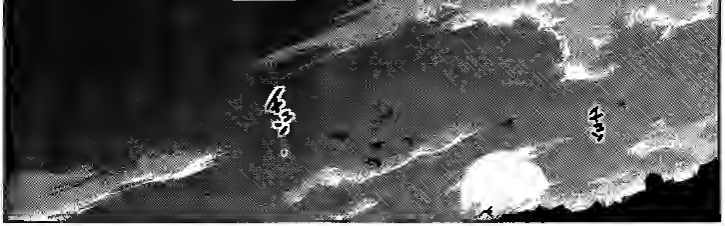

THERE WERE NUMEROUS EYES GAZED UPON MY FATHER.
AND THE TWO EYES THAT NEVER GAZED UPON ON ME.

I WANTED TO SURPASS HIM.
...IT WAS ALL THAT I THOUGHT ABOUT.
AND THEN, BY LUCK..
I WILL RECOMMEND YOU AS A MASTER SWORDSMAN OF SEINEGALD.
THIS IS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
IT SUDDENLY FELL UPON ME
I PRAYED..
WELL THEN,
FROM THIS POINT ON, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO BEAR A DIFFERENT NAME
EVEN IF I AM CONTENTED TO BE HIS PAWN RIGHT NOW...
SOONER OR LATER, IT WILL BECOME A FOOTHOLD FOR THE SAKE OF SURPASSING HIM.
MAGNUS. IT HOLDS THE MEANING OF "GRANDEUR" IN THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE.

My name is...
僕の名は
Leon Magnus!
リオン・マグナス！

...EMILIO!?
IT SEEMS THAT I FORGOT WHAT I MUST ACHIEVE
...THANK YOU, MARIAN.
I WILL LIVE AS LEON MAGNUS
NO MATTER WHAT KINDS OF DECISIONS ARE FORCED UPON ME,
LEON MAGNUS, A NAME CREATED FOR THAT DETERMINATION.
THIS IS A BATTLE THAT PROVES MY EXISTENCE.

...I WANT TO LEAVE MY NAME,
EMILIO, ONLY WITH YOU...
JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
...YES, I UNDERSTAND.
I WILL SUPPORT YOU TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.
...THANK YOU,
MARIAN.



I WILL DO MY BEST WHILE NOT TROUBLING EVERYONE
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU GOT PERMISSION TO COME ALONG
YOU SLEEP TOO MUCH, REALLY...
AHH~~ THAT WAS A GREAT NIGHT'S SLEEP!
AREN'T YOU ALLOWING THE MAIDS TO SEE YOUR SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR?

WHO KNOWS? HE PROBABLY FORGOT SOMETHING
HUH, WHERE'S LEON?

I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO TRY AND HOLD ONTO THE THINGS THAT I DESIRE
IN WHAT LIES AHEAD OF THIS JOURNEY...
I'M GOING,
MARIAN!
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